Top Student Will Be Flown to D.C. to View Artwork

The Office of Congresswoman Debbie Halvorson is inviting high school students in the 11th District to participate in An Artistic Discovery: The Congressional Art Competition, a nation-wide high school arts competition sponsored each spring by members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Established in 1982, this nationwide competition provides an opportunity to recognize and encourage artistic talent in the nation, as well as in each Congressional district. Since its inception, over 650,000 high school students have been involved.

"There are so many great budding artists in the 11th District and this is a chance for them to shine locally, and at the national level," said Congresswoman Halvorson. "I look forward to meeting all of them at our reception this month."

Eleventh district office manager, Renee Woodward is coordinator of the event. High School students interested in submitting artwork should contact her at the 11th district office by May 19. A reception will be held for the art nominations on Saturday, May 23 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Heidi Litchfield Studio, 80 McDonald Ave, Suite C, in Joliet. At the reception, the students will be recognized and a panel of artists will judge each piece of artwork to determine the top student winner.

"The top student winner will be flown to Washington, D.C. to view their artwork displayed in the U. S. Capital's Cannon Tunnel," said Halvorson. "It should be a great experience for them - and all involved."

The district covers parts of Bureau, Grundy, Kankakee, LaSalle, Livingston, McLean, Will and Woodford Counties.

For more information about the competition, contact Woodward at 815-726-4998 or at renee.woodward@mail.house.gov. Please note "Art Competition" in the subject line. More information on Congresswoman Halvorson and the 11th District, as well as other topics is at http://halvorson.house.gov. Congresswoman Halvorson's newsletter is also accessible at the website.

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